**Your Faith Story/Statement**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS: October 27, 2024**

Your faith story/statement is due: **Wednesday, October 2.** You can bring faith story to the church office or give to Pastor Kathy or Pastor Dave. When you turn in your story there will be a sign-up sheet for a confirmation conversation with one of the pastors. The dates of the conversations will be posted in September.

**Guide To Writing a Faith Story**

Your life has been influenced by parents, family, friends, other adults, Sunday School classes, youth group experiences, etc. Take some time to think about how these life experiences have affected your faith. All tenth graders being confirmed will meet September 18, 25, and October 2 to wrap up confirmation and to help you with your faith story. There will be a confirmation rehearsal on Saturday, October 26.

Your Statement of Faith Story should focus on your faith journey. Be sure to include:

* Those who have been influential and encouraging during your faith journey

Who has influenced your faith? Think of people in your own life who have encouraged you, taught you, and been there for you. Who has been responsible for your faith development?

* What has your church meant to you and what has the youth group and youth ministry meant to you? How will this shape how you influence others?
* What is your favorite bible story and why?
* Who Jesus is in your life?
* What does Jesus' death and resurrection mean for you?
* What do you believe about Jesus?
  + Who was he? What difference did he make in the world?
* How does Jesus influence your life?
  + How and where do you meet Jesus in your daily life? What Bible passages help you know Jesus? What difference does it make to you that Jesus died and rose again?
* Where would Jesus be in our world today?
  + How would Jesus react to what is going on in our world today?
* How does being a Christian make a difference in how you live?
  + The importance of your baptism and affirming that baptism for confirmation. The importance of Holy Communion in your everyday life.
* How important is prayer to you?
* How do you see yourself serving Christ in your life or how do you see yourself living your faith?
* What does it mean to you to know that Jesus walks with you?

There is so much more you can share. As an individual, think about what is important for you to include. These papers will not be judged, but they will be discussed. Be honest and truthful. Include struggles you still have.

Your story should be no less than one page in length, single-spaced typed, using no larger than 12 point font.